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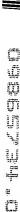
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- Application 55 pages, including 5 independent claims and 29 claims 1. total.
- Drawings 12 sheets of formal drawings containing 14 figures. 2.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney. 3.
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to NIKON 4. CORPORATION.
- Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-160897, filed May 30, 5. 2000.



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- 6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
- 7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2000-160897, filed May 30, 2000.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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